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U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVING AND CASUALTIES A/**

War/Conflict	Branch of Service	Number Serving	Casualties			
			Total Deaths	Battle Deaths	Other Deaths	Wounds Not Mortal B/
<b>Revolutionary War 1775 - 1783</b>	<b>Total</b>	- C/	4,435	4,435	-	6,188
	<b>Army</b>	-	4,044	4,044	-	6,004
	<b>Navy</b>	-	342	342	-	114
	<b>Marines</b>	-	49	49	-	70
<b>War of 1812 1812 - 1815</b>	<b>Total</b>	286,730 D/	2,260	2,260	-	4,505
	<b>Army</b>	-	1,950	1,950	-	4,000
	<b>Navy</b>	-	265	265	-	439
	<b>Marines</b>	-	45	45	-	66
<b>Mexican War 1846 - 1848</b>	<b>Total</b>	78,718 D/	13,283	1,733	11,550	4,152
	<b>Army</b>	-	13,271	1,721	11,550	4,102
	<b>Navy</b>	-	1	1	-	3
	<b>Marines</b>	-	11	11	-	47
<b>Civil War (Union Forces Only) 1861 - 1865 E/</b>	<b>Total</b>	2,213,363	364,511	140,414	224,097	281,881
	<b>Army</b>	2,128,948 D/	359,528	138,154	221,374	280,040
	<b>Navy</b>	-	4,523	2,112	2,411	1,710
	<b>Marines</b>	84,415	460	148	312	131
<b>Spanish -American War</b>	<b>Total</b>	306,760	2,446	385	2,061	1,662
	<b>Army F/</b>	280,564	2,430	369	2,061	1,594
	<b>Navy</b>	22,875	10	10	-	47
	<b>Marines</b>	3,321	6	6	-	21

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<b>World War I 1917 - 1918</b>	<b>Total</b>	4,734,991	116,516	53,402	63,114	204,002
	<b>Army G/</b>	4,057,101	106,378	50,510	55,868	193,663
	<b>Navy</b>	599,051	7,287	431	6,856	819
	<b>Marines</b>	78,839	2,851	2,461	390	9,520
<b>World War II 1941 - 1946 H/</b>	<b>Total</b>	16,112,566	405,399	291,557	113,842	671,846
	<b>Army I/</b>	11,260,000	318,274	234,874	83,400	565,861
	<b>Navy J/</b>	4,183,466	62,614	36,950	25,664	37,778
	<b>Marines</b>	669,100	24,511	19,733	4,778	68,207
<b>Korean War 1950 - 1953 K/</b>	<b>Total</b>	5,720,000	36,516	33,686	2,830	103,284
	<b>Army</b>	2,834,000	29,861	27,728	2,133	77,596
	<b>Navy</b>	1,177,000	647	492	155	1,576
	<b>Marines</b>	424,000	4,510	4,268	242	23,744
	<b>Air Force</b>	1,285,000	1,498	1,198	300	368
<b>Vietnam Conflict 1964 - 1973 L/</b>	<b>Total</b>	8,744,000	58,198	47,410	10,788	153,303
	<b>Army</b>	4,368,000	38,212	30,947	7,265	96,802
	<b>Navy</b>	1,842,000	2,562	1,629	933	4,178
	<b>Marines</b>	794,000	14,840	13,091	1,749	51,392
	<b>Air Force</b>	1,740,000	2,584	1,743	841	931

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### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND NOTES

- A. Data prior to World War I are based on incomplete records in many cases. Casualty data are confined to dead and wounded and, therefore, exclude personnel captured or missing in action who were subsequently returned to military control.
- B. Marine Corps data for World War II, the Spanish-American War, and prior wars represent the number of individuals wounded, whereas all other data in this column represent the total number (incidence) of wounds.
- C. Not known, but estimates range from 184,000 to 250,000.
- D. As reported by the Commissioner of Pensions in his annual report for fiscal year 1903.
- E. Authoritative statistics for the Confederate forces are not available. Estimates of the number who served range from 600,000 to 1,500,000. The final report of the Provost Marshal General, 1863-1866, indicated 133,821 Confederate deaths (74,524 battle and 59,297 other) based upon incomplete returns. In addition, an estimated 26,000 to 31,000 Confederate personnel died in Union prisons.
- F. Number serving covers the period April 21 to August 13, 1898, while dead and wounded data are for the period May 1 to August 31, 1898. Active hostilities ceased on August 13, 1898, but ratifications of the Treaty of Peace were not exchanged between the United States and Spain until April 11, 1899.
- G. Includes air service. Battle deaths and wounds not mortal include casualties suffered by American forces in northern Russia to August 25, 1919, and in Siberia to April 1, 1920. Other deaths cover the period April 1, 1917, to December 31, 1918.
- H. Data are for the period December 1, 1941, through December 31, 1946, when hostilities were officially terminated by Presidential Proclamation, but a few battle deaths or wounds not mortal were incurred after the Japanese acceptance of the Allied peace terms on August 14, 1945. Number serving from December 1, 1941, through August 31, 1945, were: Total - 14,903,213; Army - 10,420,000; Navy - 3,883,520; and Marine Corps - 599,693.
- I. Includes Army air forces.
- J. Battle deaths and wounds not mortal include casualties incurred in October 1941 due to hostile action.
- K. **Casualty figures are as of June 1, 2000. Review of Korean War casualty records is ongoing. Slight adjustments to some of the numbers are expected as the review is finalized. Worldwide military deaths during the Korean War, including the 36,516 in theater, totaled 54,246. This number will not change.**
- L. Number serving covers the period August 4, 1964, through January 27, 1973, (date of cease-fire). Wounds not mortal exclude 150,332 persons not requiring hospital care. Known status of casualties is as of June 1, 2000 **(casualty record information is updated each year).**